

( No Report. )

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FEBRUARY 3, 1843.

Read twice, and laid upon the Speaker's table.

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Mr. MORROW, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported the following bill :

## **A BILL**

Providing for the sale of certain lands in the States of Ohio and Michigan, ceded by the Wyandot tribe of Indians, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       all that tract of land in the State of Ohio, to which the Indian  
4       title was extinguished by a treaty with the Wyandot tribe of  
5       Indians, concluded at Upper Sandusky, March seventeenth,  
6       eighteen hundred and forty-two, shall be attached to, and  
7       made a part of, the consolidated land district in which it is  
8       situated ; and that the land office for the said district shall  
9       be removed from Lima to the town of Upper Sandusky,  
10      within the tract aforesaid, as soon as, in the judgment of the  
11      President of the United States, such removal shall be proper.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That a portion of the*  
2       tract aforesaid, including the town of Upper Sandusky, shall,  
3       under the direction of the surveyor general, be laid off into  
4       town lots, streets, and avenues, and into out lots, in such  
5       manner and of such dimensions as he may judge proper :

6 *Provided*, That the land so laid off shall not exceed in quan-  
 7 tity six hundred and forty acres, nor the town lots a quarter  
 8 of an acre each, nor the out lots exceed the quantity of two  
 9 acres each ; and the residue of the lands in the tract shall be  
 10 surveyed as other public lands, in connexion with the adja-  
 11 cent previous surveys.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the public  
 2 land in said tract, with the exception of the section numbered  
 3 sixteen, in each township, which shall remain for the support  
 4 of common schools, and of the lots reserved by the provisions  
 5 of the aforesaid treaty, which shall remain for the purposes  
 6 therein expressed, shall, so soon as the surveys and plats of  
 7 the same be returned to the general and district land offices,  
 8 be offered at public sale, at Upper Sandusky, under the super-  
 9 intendence of the register of the land office and the receiver  
 10 of public moneys for the district, at such time as shall be  
 11 designated by proclamation of the President of the United  
 12 States ; the sales to remain open for two weeks, and no  
 13 longer, and the lands not to be sold at public sale nor be  
 14 subject to private entry thereafter for a price less than two  
 15 dollars and fifty cents per acre.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the town lots  
 2 and out lots directed by this act to be laid off shall, with the  
 3 exception of four town lots, to be selected by the superintend-  
 4 ents of the sale, for the use of and to be vested in the town  
 5 when it shall become corporate, and also of the lots reserved

6 by the seventeenth article of the aforesaid treaty, to remain  
7 for the uses therein provided for, be offered at public sale at  
8 the time the other lands in the tract are offered, and are to  
9 be subject to entry at private sale thereafter: *Provided, how-*  
10 *ever,* That no town lot shall be sold for less than twenty dol-  
11 lars, nor any out lot for less than at the rate of fifteen dollars  
12 per acre.

1        SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That, in executing,  
2 the surveys of the lands in the tract aforesaid, the sur-  
3 veyor general shall cause the improved lands to be desig-  
4 nated on the general plat, and the position, extent, and  
5 quality of each improvement to be carefully noted; and  
6 the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall cause  
7 the superintendents of the sales to be furnished with a  
8 copy of the schedule of the appraised value of improve-  
9 ments ascertained, pursuant to the fifth article of the said  
10 treaty; and, in any case, where the lines for subdivision of  
11 sections shall divide and injuriously affect the value of an  
12 improvement, the superintendents of the sale shall be au-  
13 thorized, under instruction of the Commissioner of the Gen-  
14 eral Land Office, to offer, at public and at private sale, an entire  
15 quarter section or half-quarter section, and to attach together  
16 halves of two adjacent quarter sections, so as to preserve, as  
17 far as practicable, the improvements on a tract entire; and  
18 if, in offering at public sale any tract on which improve-  
19 ments exist, the real value of the same, according to the esti-

20 mate of the superintendents, shall not be bidden, it shall be  
21 their duty to withdraw the tract from sale, and the tracts  
22 thus withdrawn from sale shall again be offered at public  
23 sale, due public notice first being given, when directed by the  
24 Commissioner of the General Land Office.

1       SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all the lands in  
2 the Wyandot reserve, on both sides of the river Huron, in the  
3 State of Michigan, ceded to the United States by the afore-  
4 said treaty, shall be attached to and made a part of the dis-  
5 trict of lands subject to sale at Detroit, and shall be offered  
6 for sale at the land office, in the same manner, both as to pub-  
7 lic and private, as is directed for the sale of the lands of the  
8 reserve in the State of Ohio by this act: *Provided*, That the  
9 the land shall be sold for less than two dollars per acre.